

Moses Taylor Hospital
Scranton, Pennsylvania
September 4, 1942

Mrs. Lois Curtis, Secretary
Clinton Center Pioneer Day Association
Wayne County, Pennsylvania

Dear Lois:

As you know, the recent operation from which I am now recovering will prevent me from attending the "Pioneer Day" celebration to be held Monday, September 7, 1942. This is a matter of considerable regret because it will be the first meeting I have missed in the past twenty-four years.

Please convey my best wishes to everyone present and thank those who have so kindly sent letters while I have been at the Hospital.

Yours,

[signed] Sincerely Yours,
Arthur Curtis

What does Arthur Curtis mean when he states: "This is a matter of considerable regret because it [the 1942 Pioneer Day celebration] will be the first meeting I have missed in the past twenty-four years." Does he mean that "every year for the past 24 years there has been a Pioneer Day celebration and I have attended all those celebrations" -- in which case Pioneer Day celebrations took place in 1919 and 1925. Does he mean that "every year during the past twenty-four years in which there has been a Pioneer Day celebration I have been in attendance" -- in which case we can not deduce from Arthur Curtis' statement whether or not Pioneer Day celebrations were held in 1917, 1919 and 1925.